[12th August 1929

Mr. D. NARAYANA RAJU :—" May I know if the hon. the Minister is prepared to extend the time still further, so that people who cannot go before 9 o'clock may take advantage of such extension of time ? "

The hon. Mr. S. MUTHIAH MUDALIYAR :—" The question will be considered if there is reasonable complaint."

Mr. G. HARISARVOTTAMA RAO :—" May I know whether there was any representation made to the Minister that the time should be extended from 8 to 9 ? "

The hon. Mr. S. MUTHIAH MUDALIYAR :—" It was after getting representations from various people that the time was extended."

Adoption of the system of rationing of country liquor.

*363 Q.—Mr. C. GOPALA MENON: Will the hon. the Minister for Public Health be pleased to state—

(a) whether some system of rationing of country liquor has been adopted in any part of the Presidency; and

(b) if the answer to (a) is in the affirmative, whether he will be pleased to state in detail the scheme adopted ?

A.—(a) & (b) The arrack shops in the municipalities of Bimlipatam, Vizagapatam and Vizianagram have been sold in auction as a block and leased for a period of two years from 1st April 1929, subject to the right of the Government at the end of six months to determine the lease on 31st March 1930. The sale of liquor in these shops is being rationed, the ration being calculated at 5 per cent less (in round figures) than the average consumption of the shops for the five years ending 30th September 1928.

Number of foreign liquor shops and toddy shops in taluks where country liquor has been prohibited.

*364 Q.—Mr. C. GOPALA MENON: Will the hon. the Minister for Public Health be pleased to state—

(a) the number of foreign liquor shops and toddy shops in the taluks in which the sale of country liquor has been prohibited ;

(b) whether it is a fact that some of the taluks are situated on the borders either of Indian States or French territory ; and

(c) the consumption of toddy and foreign liquor in these taluks before and after the prohibition of the sale of country liquor ?

A.—(a) The number in 1928–29 was as follows :—

Taluk.	Number of toddy shops.	Number of foreign liquor shops.
Shiyali	62	1
Tirutturaippundi ...	98	1
Tiruvadanai	86	1
Tenkasi	40	1
Attur	43	Nil. (Experiment being tried only from 1st April 1929.)